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Refreshed and Revived Year of the Child and Adolescent "Lord Transform Me"

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THE ADVENTIST TEACHER: A MINISTER IN THE CLASSROOM



Can you imagine a world without teachers, a world where learning has ceased and expanding knowledge is no longer available? What would the world be like if teachers ceased to exist? There would be no one to direct students to make the veracious decisions to be efficacious in today's society. H.L. Mencken says, "The best teacher is not the one who knows most, but the one who is most capable of reducing knowledge to that simple compound of the obvious and wonderful." Anyone can be a teacher, *but* the teacher who cares and takes time to *diligently* break down all that they know to give a clear window of understanding to the pupil is worth celebrating and honoring. At Bahamas Academy, our teachers are rare and possess exceptional qualities. They are God's ambassadors in the classroom.

Teachers are said to be the backbone of society. They are the ones who steer the educational ship to academic success and influence social change. A teacher is more than grading papers and having an occasional, "happy teachers' day salute." They are the ones behind the various career choices.

"Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalks and challenges", says Joyce Myers. It is indeed true that educators hold the pleasure of changing lives each day they step in the classroom. Teachers are God's gift to the classroom and learning. The Adventist educator realizes that in each child, there is a soul for whom Christ died. The teacher has the awesome responsibility to help to mold the character of each student, to one that is pleasing to God. The educator also realizes that his/her calling is a service to God and that the fruits of his/her labor may not be seen until they get to heaven.

The Adventist educator recognizes the need to constantly sit at the feet of the Master teacher, and there he/she will find inspiration, strength and wisdom to follow

His example. The Adventist teacher also believes, "True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come" (*Education pg. 13*).

The Adventist educator realizes that his/her responsibility is to impart true wisdom to the pupil, which can only come through knowledge of God. The Adventist teacher points the child to Christ, whether in the Science Lab, Physical Education, Mathematics or even an English class; the objective is for the student to seek Christ and not mere academics.

The ability to put in time and get to know each student's work is imperative to the role of being a teacher. Instructors should always form relationships with their students to make them feel comfortable and unproblematic. In establishing relationships with students, the teacher knows how to be effective and knows which technique will help that young, brilliant individual to understand the topic. This ability will help the child to be predisposed to putting more effort into his/her finished product because he/she senses the teacher's understanding and care.

The teacher should approach every topic adequately not moving on until he/she has evidence of the pupil's full understanding. The student should be given a clear insight of the field they are studying, its past, present and discussions on how *new literacies* impact learning. That is one of the ways to truly shed light on the course. This characteristic is necessary for the role of becoming a teacher after God's own heart.

Teachers should help to build confidence and surety in the student. Without confidence in the subject area, the child feels inadequate or unable to excel. This creates a problem for both the teacher and the student.

The instructor should intercede when the child seems to falter and reassure him/her that the effort and application of studies is the best way to go.

When the work gets done, and after the children have tried their best, it is meritorious. Showing praise and appreciation for them who have put their best foot forward helps them to build their confidence and self-worth. The remarkable thing about confidence builder is that it is translated and integrated into other areas of the child's life. The child is more likely to pursue other areas that he/she might not have had interest earlier. The child then experiences an overall improvement that places him/her on a higher level of actualization. Henry Adams states that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." This shows how something as "small" as a confidence builder can permeate throughout the pupil's life.

Teaching is not an easy task; it takes commitment, tenacity and guidance from the Holy Spirit to stand and lead the future generation. Seventh-day Adventist teachers represent a fraction of the hardworking teachers we have on this beautiful island. They do their job effectively. The Seventh-day Adventist teacher is committed and loyal in helping to develop Christ-centered quality education. While others focus on completing the syllabus and curricula, the Adventist teacher is committed to restoring in each child the image of God. As we celebrate Adventist Teacher's Day, we salute all teachers in our congregations. Today is a great time to say, "Thank you, for giving to the Lord! -Ms. Marcia Smith, English Teacher; Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists

ATTENTION: CHURCH TREASURERS

The Audit Department wishes to thank the Treasury Department of the various churches in the South Bahamas Conference for their cooperation in the completion of the church financial inspections for the year ended December 31, 2016. In the same breath, this announcement serves as a reminder to all Church Treasurers to deliver the documents that were requested for the completion of your respective financial

inspection reports for the year ended December 31, 2017. May God bless you as you continue to do service for the Lord. -*Mr. Michael Toote, Auditor*

ASI SABBATH SERVICE

The Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) annual Sabbath service will be held at the Berea Church on October 13, 2018. All are invited to come and fellowship with us. -*Mr. Ian Greene, President; ASI*

ASI TRADE AND BUSINESS FAIR

ASI Trade and Business Fair will be held at the H D Colburn Gymnasium located on Wulff Road on Sunday, October 28, 2018 starting at 12:00 noon. Booths are still available. Cost includes table, chairs, tent and electricity. Contact persons are Ian Greene, at telephone number: 556-0492; Shandera Smith, at telephone number: 428-4251; or Audley Mitchell at email address: audleymitchell@audlemitchell.com. Partner with ASI Bahamas to share Christ in the marketplace. Learn what products and services your brothers and sisters are offering. Support Adventist businesses and industries. -*Mr. Ian Greene*

ISLAND MISSIONS

Island Missions is heading to South Andros and Long Island on October 29, 2018. We need your support. Please donate to the venture. Please pray for the work. Prayer is very important. Sponsor someone to go. Make a difference in someone's life while experiencing a difference in yours. Come and join the missionary work. To sponsor or for more information, please call 556-0492, 544-8274, 428-4251, or email audleymitchell@audlemitchell.com -*Elder Audley Mitchell, Project Manager; Island Missions*

GREAT NEWS ABOUT OUR RADIO STATION

We have gotten a new transmitter for our radio station. It is a 3500 Watt transmitter that is adequate to serve the entire island and more. However, we learned last week from an antenna technician that our antenna needs changing also. Hence, we are in the process of getting the new tower and antenna. If all goes well, we will seek to broadcast at a lower power within a few days utilizing the same antenna. Meanwhile, we wait for the new tower and the new antenna. Continue to support with your financial gifts and prayers. We are in need of \$110,000.00 to accomplish this goal. -*Pastor Barrington Brennen, Communication Department*

CALENDAR DATES

October

- 1 - 31 Ingathering Emphasis Month
- 13 Adventist Teachers' Appreciation Day
- 14 - 20 CHAM Week of Prayer
- 19 - 21 ATCU Women's Ministries Retreat (Freeport)
- 20 CHAM Emphasis Day
- 20 Day of the Pastor and His/Her Family
- 20 Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Heritage Day
- 27 Creation Sabbath

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Fourth Quarter (October - December)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

October, 2018

October 19-21 ATCU Women's Ministries Retreat, Freeport Grand Bahama

November, 2018

TBA - Zone 4 Community Outreach

December, 2018

Annual Local Leaders Chat 'n Chew

DONATION REQUEST

Used, But In

Good Condition Devotionals

Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community out-reach projects this year. -*Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director*

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES

Take careful note of the activities that will be held by the CHAM Department:

CHAM Week of Prayer

This will be a high week in the year of the Child and Adolescent. There will be a joint Week of Prayer on October 14 - 20. On October 14 - 19, the service will start at 7 o'clock nightly. A big baptism is planned for the concluding service on Sabbath, October 20 at 11:00 a.m. All Week of Prayer services will be held at the Living Faith Church. The emphasis is Stewardship.

Children's Day

Our Children's Day will be held in our churches on Sabbath, November 17, 2018. Our leaders need the support of all parents as we prepare them for ministry on the theme, *Called to be Faithful!* Be sure to encourage and assist where needed. -*Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

2019 Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, October 14 - 20, 2018 is: *Local Churches*. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*



YOUTH TIDBITS

Upcoming Events

October 21 - Pathfinder and Community Services Exhibition.

Clubs and other personnel needing tents and chairs are asked to contact Mr. Seanray Jennings. Should you need permission to serve food and you are not a pathfinder club, seek permission from the South Bahamas Conference.

October 28 - Band Encounter at Rawson Square. This commences at 4:00 p.m.

November 11 - Remembrance Day. Pathfinders will march from Grant's Town Church to Rawson Square. Assemble at 10:30 a.m.

December 1 - Band Concert. Tickets will be on sale soon. -*Mr. Patrick Wilson Jr., Pathfinder Director*

UPSURGE IS ON THE AIR

The Youth Ministries Department announces the airing of *Upsurge*. The programme is sure to stimulate the mind and give the viewing audience a taste of our youth in their cognitive development as it relates to spiritual issues. This can be viewed on Hope TV Channel 658 at 7:00 p.m. *Upsurge* is played on Mondays with a repeat on Thursdays. Tune in and support the young people of the conference. -*Communication Department*

OSH KOSH CAMPOREE

All youth interested in attending Osh Kosh Camporee in Wisconsin 2019 are advised to register now. Visit the treasury department of the conference to pay your fees. -*Mr. Patrick Wilson, Pathfinder Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT 6:37 P.M.

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